

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2008. Claims 1-40, 42-46 and 48-54 are pending in the Present Application. Claims 1-11, 17-22, 24, 25, 27-30, 32, 35, 39, 40, 42-44, 46 and 48-54 are provisionally rejected on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting. Claims 12-16, 23, 26, 31, 33, 34, 36-38 and 45 are withdrawn from consideration. No amendments to the Application have been made by this paper. Accordingly, reconsideration of the Present Application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-11, 17-22, 24, 25, 27-30, 32, 35, 39, 40, 42-44, 46 and 48-54 are provisionally rejected on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of pending U.S. Patent Application Nos. 10/877,725; 10/984,268; 10/919,983; and 10/984,342. The Applicants are filing herewith a separate Terminal Disclaimer for each of U.S. Patent Application Nos. 10/877,725; 10/984,268; 10/919,983; and 10/984,342, thereby mooting the provisional double patenting rejection.

Withdrawn Claims – Rejoinder

In the Amendment and Response filed on October 30, 2007, the Applicants respectfully requested rejoinder of withdrawn claims 12-16, 23, 26, 31, 33, 34, 36-38 and 45. The Office Action dated January 22, 2008 indicated that these claims remain withdrawn from the Present Application.

Accordingly, the Applicants again respectfully request rejoinder of claims 12-16, 23, 26, 31, 33, 34, 36-38 and 45 pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 821.04. As indicated in the Office Action dated August 1, 2007, each of claims 1, 27 and 43 is allowable. Therefore, because each of withdrawn claims 12-16, 23, 26, 31, 33, 34, 36-38 and 45 depends, either directly or indirectly, from an allowable independent claim and thus requires all the limitations of the allowable base claim from which it depends, each of the withdrawn claims is eligible for rejoinder. Applicants respectfully submit that upon rejoinder, each of claims 12-16, 23, 26, 31, 33, 34, 36-38 and 45 will be in condition for allowance.

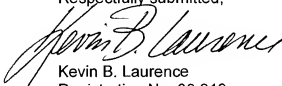
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants submit that each of claims 1-40, 42-46 and 48-54 of the Present Application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should questions exist after consideration of the foregoing, the Office is kindly requested to contact the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number given herein.

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